

From: OTF OSfilings  
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 7:44 AM  
To: william Caton  
Subject: Fwd: FW: Request for Waiver of Deadline of Invoice Submission [Funding Year 1999-2000]



SLDC Waiver



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request.doc (49 KB), IN0197.pdf (51 KB), IN0198.pdf (51 KB)  
here you go...Best of luck.

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Date: 04/14/2003 07:44 am -0400 (Monday)  
From: CCB CCBSecretary  
To: OTF OSfilings  
CC: FilingsArchive  
Subject: Fwd: FW: Request for Waiver of Deadline of Invoice  
Submission [Funding Year 1399-20001]

\_ \_ \_ \_ Original Message \_ \_ \_ \_

Date: 04/11/2003 10:27 am -0400 (Friday)  
From: Theresa DeNuzzo  
To: CCB CCBSecretary  
Subject: FW: Request for Waiver of Deadline of Invoice Submission  
[Funding Year 1999-20001]

RESEND DUE TO NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ORIGINAL APL-09 MESSAGE.

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From: Theresa DeNuzzo [mailto:theresa.denuzzo@aheadcomusa.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 4:33 PM  
To: 'CCBSecretary@fcc.gov'  
Subject: Request for Waiver of Deadline of Invoice Submission [Funding Year 1993-20001]

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CC Docket Nos. **9645** and **97-21**

Subject: Reauest for Waiver of Deadline for Invoice Submission - FRN 482373 [Funding Year 1999-2000]

I have previously submitted two invoices for payment via Form 474; payment of these has been denied on two occasions due to administrative issues. The first rejection on Oct-04-2002 was due to "Service Provider not Certified" which I understand is a newer requirement that became retroactive for prior funding years. The second denial was due to the fact that submission was received [02/26/2003] Later than FCC Extension Date [01/28/2003]. I am requesting deadline waiver for both of these invoices and will submit them again here.

Ahead Communications Systems, Inc. is an independent company that was once a division of General Datacomm, Inc. referred to as 'Broadband'. In August of 2001, this Broadband Division was officially sold off and the two companies are now totally unrelated. Because of this "sell off" I believe that some relevant funding notifications may have been misdirected. To complicate matters, the departure of the previous project leader who was our key liaison with USF and the original "contact name" on FCC Form 474, left us with no records of his activities. That record (Form 474), has since been modified under the direction of our Company President and appoints myself as the main contact.

In the process of educating myself about this SLD Program, I have learned from our client, Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District that they sent a "Change of Provider" letter to SLD on Nov-13-2001 asking to change the funding ~~from~~ General Datacomm to Ahead Communications Systems, Inc. There appears to have been no confirming correspondence resulting from that change sent to Ahead Communications Systems, Inc. My Form 474 submissions were based on FRN information supplied to me by Gogebic-Ontonagon; a key element being that I was never advised that funding year was 1999-2000.

In summary, I don't understand why USAC has kept me well advised of invoice submission deadlines relating to Funding Year 2001 and funding commitment decisions that involve Ahead Communications Systems, Inc. for Funding Year **2002** but I have never received any information at all regarding Funding Year 1999-2000. I suspect it relates to the "change of provider" aspect and ask for this deadline waiver based on the information supplied herein and in the attached.

Please let me know your decision in this matter and, if positive, whether it is necessary to resubmit Form 471 for the attached invoices once again. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Theresa DeNuzzo  
Sales Operations Manager

Attachments

## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS REGARDING FRN 482373

Sep-24-02	Supplied Hardware to Client
Sep-25-02	Issued Invoice No. FIN0197 to Client for above
Sep-26-02	Received USAC funding information from Client for billing purposes but there was no mention of any particular Funding Year ...assumed Funding Year 2002 (i.e. year in which service was provided). Client also advised me of our own SPIN number and that one of our prior employees had been involved in the process of setting up the SPIN account.
Sep-30-02	Supplied additional Hardware and Service to Client
Sep-30-02	Issued Invoice No. FIN0198 to Client for above
Oct-04-02	Submitted above two invoices via FCC Form 474
Oct-14-02	Received payment denial for invoices FIN0197 & FIN0198 (USAC Ref. # C000114037) saying that "Service Provider Not Certified"...called client to inquire about this
Thereafter	Studied USF web site to learn about "certification" and learned that only the Contact Name on the Service Provider Information Form could submit Form 473 Annual Certification.
Thereafter	Searched all archived company files until copy of form 498 (service provider information form) was located
Dec-09-02	With Form 498 original information in hand, submitted request of applicable revisions to USAC
Dec-10-02	Notified by USAC via e-mail that Form 498 revisions were accepted
Dec-11-02	Submitted Form 473 SPAC (Annual Certification) for funding year 2002 via <b>registered post. Delivery confirmation was made on Dec-16</b>
Dec-27-02	Family was notified by SLD regarding problem with SPIN number of above Certification Request
Jan-06-03	Returned to office after holiday closing and sent fax to SLD explaining that typing error on Form 473 caused extra digit in SPIN number and provided corrected information
	Waited for formal acceptance of funding year 2002 certification since there had been formal acceptance of previous form 474 revisions and had also received formal notification of problem with form 473 submission
Feb-12-03	Received fax from USAC stating that SPAC for Funding Year 2001 was never received and that all invoices for Funding Year 2001 had to be in by Feb-28-03 deadline
Feb-13-03	Called Client and asked if invoice FIN0197 & FIN0198 services were actually <b>covered under an FRN for the 2001 period (not 2002 as was assumed).</b>
Feb-14-03	<b>Learned from client that FRN 482373 was for Funding Year 1999-2000.</b>
Feb-14-03	<b>Submitted Form 473 for 1999, 2000 and 2001.</b>
Feb-26-03	Submitted Form 474 (Invoice) and included both invoices FIN0197 & FIN0198 in one submission
Mar-12-03	Received payment denial for invoices FIN0197 & FIN0198 (USAC Ref. # C000126899) saying that "Invoices Received Later Than FCC Extension Date of Jan-28-03"
Apr-08-03	Requested Deadline Waiver from USAC





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# INVOICE

## FIN0198

DATE: September 30, 2002

**B**  
**I** Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD  
**L** Box 218, 202 Elm Street  
**L** Bergland, MI 49910

**S**  
**H** Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate  
**I** School District  
**P** 202 Elm Street ■ PO Box 218  
P.O. Box 218  
Bergland, MI 49910  
**T** Attn: Mike Richardson  
**O** Tel: 906-482-4520

PAGE 1 of 1	TERMS ex-works	CUSTOMER ORDER NO. 23666	FREIGHT Prepay/Bill	SHIP VIA Fed-X		
	JOB NO. VJ0928	TERMS OF PAYMENT Due Upon Receipt			DATE OF SERVICE	30-Sep-02
ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY ORDERED	QTY TO SUPPLY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION
1		Spares Support consisting of:	1	1		\$14,250.00
	032M133-001	IMX N/R (AC)			\$6,000.00	
	032P066-011	2-Port IR OC-3c/STM-1 LIM (DSLIM)			\$4,000.00	
	032P066-018	2-Port SR/LR OC-3c/STM-1 (LDHLIM)			\$4,250.00	
2		Installation Support consisting of:	1	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
		\$2500/day/person				
		2-engineers x 3-days				
3		Warranty (Safteynet Maintenance)	1	1	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
		TOTAL SERVICE SUPPORT				\$69,250.00
		AMOUNT BILLED DIRECTLY TO USF				
		UNDER SLD Service Provider Invoice Form				(\$49,167.50)
		Gogebic-Ontonagon BALANCE DUE				\$20,082.50

Remit Payment To:  
Ahead Communications Systems, Inc.  
c/o Webster Bank • Department 625  
P.O. Box 150473  
Hartford, CT 06115-0473  
Beneficiary: ABLECO Finance LLP  
ABA# 211170101  
Account# 0009215748

I.R.S. NO. 06-1625588

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